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EMBASSY OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
FOREIGN BROADCAST INFORMATION SERVICE
SEOUL BUREAU



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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, Foreign Broadcast Information Service
THROUGH: Chief, Operations Group
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I. GENERAL

With university students on vacation the Bureau was given some respite from the continuous rounds of demonstrations and clashes with police that have characterized recent months. Everyone is predicting, however, that confrontations will pick up again in September. On the other hand, striking workers seem to have taken over where the students left off, as is noted below. At one point there was some concern that striking taxi and bus drivers might disrupt bureau employees from getting back and forth to work. So far there have been enough nonstriking transportation workers so that bureau staffing has not suffered.

II. OPERATIONS

A. Editorial/Monitorial

1. Labor problems threatened to overshadow political developments in the South as workers began to air long pent up demands. More than 400 strikes were reported throughout the country during the month, and a strike at the Daewoo shipyard turned violent with the death of a worker on 22 August. Dissident attempts to expand the labor unrest into the political sphere received only modest sympathy from the workers and the population at large, but did cause President Chon Tu-hwan and Prime Minister Kim Chong-yol to sound warnings in separate statements. AG passed along a note of appreciation from a consumer for the Bureau's "continued comprehensive coverage of labor unrest and political developments in South Korea."

2. Reportage on the talks in the South between the ruling Democratic Justice Party and the opposition Reunification Democratic Party on revising the constitution made up a considerable part of the Bureau file for the month. Seoul Television capped off a series of reports on the talks with interviews of RDP President Kim Yong-sam and DJP President No Tae-u, which the Bureau filed. It was the first time Kim was allowed so much air time to express his views since the current regime took

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power. Deadlines for agreement on the revision of the constitution passed on the 20th and again on the 28th. On the 31st, a "general outline" was finally agreed to, but more work still remains before presidential elections can be held.

3. On 14 August, strong interference began on the frequencies the North uses for its clandestine "Voice of National Salvation" broadcasts to the South. It was impossible to process from VNS, and a search for alternate frequencies or similar programming was begun. The Bureau upgraded coverage of Pyongyang in Korean to South Korea and has filed a number of items from this source, although it is not considered a full replacement for VNS. Reception checks from several other locations in Korea, and also from Okinawa Bureau, have failed so far to turn up satisfactory alternate monitoring sites. At the end of the month there was a small indication that one VNS cast on medium wave may become monitorable at the Bureau. Only time will tell.

4. In other North-South developments, both governments have exchanged a number of proposals on holding talks -- all of which the Bureau processed on a priority basis. The North continues to want the U.S. secretary of state to participate, but this is unacceptable to both the South and the U.S. The North has called, however, for bilateral talks on 23 September in Panmunjom to begin discussing the lowering of tensions on the peninsula. Whether this will be any more acceptable is hard to say since the North continues to call for eventual participation of the U.S. in talks with them.

B. Lateral Services

1. AG provided an analysis of recent North Korean media anti-American statements requested by the Ambassador.

2. The Bureau processed three items requested by the BBC.

C. Technical

The Bureau received a two-drawer, 570 pound safe during the month provided by Headquarters.

III. ADMINISTRATION

Personnel

1. Deputy Chief [redacted] departed PCS for reassignment to Headquarters on 14 August. STAT

2. [redacted] earned a well-deserved promotion to GS-11 during the month. STAT

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3. Korean Unit Chief [] remained hospitalized at the end of the month while doctors made extensive tests to try to determine the cause of recurring health problems. He was admitted on the 25th. STAT

IV. VISITS

A. Bureau Associate Editor [] to Okinawa Bureau on TDY from 3-7 August for familiarization and training in television monitoring. STAT

B. Production Group language officer [] on the 10th while on private travel in Korea for orientation and familiarization. STAT

C. Lt. Cmdr. Woody Rubino, newly assigned Joint Duty Officer at the UN Command in the DMZ, for familiarization and tour of Bureau.

[] STAT
Chief, Seoul Bureau

Attachment:
Monthly Production Report

cc: Chief, Okinawa Bureau
Chief, Hong Kong Bureau

Seoul Bureau Production Report for August 1987

I. TOTALS FROM ALL SOURCES:

TOTAL PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	507330
TOTAL NON-PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	153310
TOTAL NUMBER OF PUBLISHABLE ITEMS FILED DURING MONTH:	1493

	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
II. INPUT OF REGULAR COVERAGE: (minutes or issues per week)	13265.00 min.	5510.00 min.	100.23 issues

III. OUTPUT FROM ALL SOURCES:
(publishable words per month)

CHINA

Beijing International Service in Korean to Korea	1400	
Beijing City Service in Mandarin	500	
Changchun Jilin Provincial Service in Mandarin	12940	
Harbin Heilongjiang Provincial Service in Mandarin	12860	
Hohhot Nei Monggol Regional Service in Mandarin	12140	
Jinan Shandong Provincial Service in Mandarin	12610	
Shenyang Liaoning Provincial Service in Mandarin	13510	
Shijiazhuang Hebei Provincial Service in Mandarin	850	
Tianjin City Service in Mandarin	250	
Beijing BEIJING RIBAO in Chinese		2920
Changchun JILIN RIBAO in Chinese		5350
Harbin HEILONGJIANG RIBAO in Chinese		510
Jinan DAZHONG RIBAO in Chinese		5600
Shenyang DONGDEI JINGJI BAO in Chinese		2570
Shenyang LIAONING RIBAO in Chinese		3000
Shijiazhuang HEBEI RIBAO in Chinese		11630

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	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
Tianjin TIANJIN RIBAO in Chinese			18510
Yanji City YONRYON ILBO in Korean			0
CLANDESTINE (Clandestine) Voice of National Salvation in Korean to South Korea	18520		
KOREA (NORTH) Pyongyang Domestic Service in Korean	138370		
Pyongyang Television Service in Korean	2800		
Pyongyang KCNA in English		123860	
Pyongyang KULLOJA in Korean			200
Pyongyang NODONG SINMUN in Korean			0
KOREA (SOUTH) Seoul Domestic Service in Korean	6500		
Seoul Television Service in Korean	10600		
Seoul YONHAP in English		39250	
Seoul CHOSON ILBO in Korean			8050
Seoul CHUNGANG ILBO in Korean			6000
Seoul Editorial Report on ROK Media Korean			4000
Seoul HANGUK ILBO in Korean			4650
Seoul KYONGHYANG SINMUN in Korean			1650
Seoul SEOUL SINMUN in Korean			4250
Seoul THE KOREA HERALD in English			53920
Seoul THE KOREA TIMES in English			10480
Seoul TONG-A ILBO in Korean			5250
UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS Moscow International Service in Korean	1830		